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SUBJECT: BOLIVIANS REACT ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO PRESIDENT'S OAS
SPEECH

1. SUMMARY. BOLIVIANS HAVE GREETED PRESIDENT CARTER'S OAS SPEECH WITH PREDICTABLE ENTHUSIASM, CONSTRUING HIS REFERENCE TO THE SEA OUTLET ISSUE AS UNEQUIVOCABLE SUPPORT FOR THEIR CAUSE. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS DISCLOSED THE CONTENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER ADRIAZOLA'S REPORT ON THE SPEECH AND THE TEXT OF BANZER'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO THE PRESIDENT. THE TENOR OF BOLIVIAN OPINION WAS REFLECTED IN A NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL WHICH MAINTAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS HAD UNDERCUT CHILE'S CONTENTION THAT THE SEA OUTLET PROBLEM WAS A MATTER TO BE RESOLVED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE THREE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. ENCOURAGED BY THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, BOLIVIA WILL PROBABLY STEP UP ITS EFFORTS TO SHIFT THE ISSUE TO INTERNATIONAL FORA, AND LOOK INCREASINGLY TO THE US FOR SUCCOR AND MORAL SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRESIDENT CARTER'S REFERENCE TO BOLIVIA'S QUEST FOR A SEAL OUTLET IN HIS JUNE 21 ADDRESS TO THE OASGA HAS BEEN GREETED ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY THE BANZER GOVERNMENT, THE LOCAL PRESS, AND THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE BOLIVIAN PUBLIC. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SOMEWHAT MISCONSTRUED.

3. THE JUNE 23 PREE CARRIED THE TEXTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER ADRIAZOLA'S INITIAL TELEGRAPHIC REPORT ON THE SPEECH AND OF PRESIDENT BANZER'S IMMEDIATE MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER. ADRIASZOLA'S REPORT CHARACTERIZES THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AS REPRESENTING "TRANSCENDENT SUPPORT FOR (BOLIVIA'S) MARITIME CAUSE." IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT, BANZER PICKS UP ON THIS THEME, ADDING THAT THE SPEECH "COMMITTS (COMPROMETE) THE GOOD WILL OF THE (US) GOVERNMENT" TO THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO BOLIVIA'S GEOGRAPHIC ENCLOSURE.

4. SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION HAVE BEEN VOICED PRIVATELY (TO THE AMBASSADOR) BY LEFTIST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HERNAN SILES ZUAZO AND TO THE PRESS BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JIMENEZ GALLO. PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JUAN PEREDA HAS ALSO JOINED THE CHORUS OF GOODWILL. IN A LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR DATED JUNE 22, PEREDA EXPRESSES HIS GRATITUDE "IN THE NAME OF THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT BY CANDIDACY." PEREDA SUPPLEMENTS HIS OBSERVATIONS ON BOLIVIA'S NEED FOR A SEA OUTLET WITH A PLUG FOR HUMAN RIHGTs. (TEXT BEING POUCHED.)

5. IN THE VIEW OF MANY BOLIVIANS, THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH NOT ONLY OFFERS UNEQUIVOCABLE SUPPORT FOR THEIR MARITIME CAUSE, BUT REPRESENTS A SHARP SLAP AT CHILE. REFLECTING THIS PERSPECTIVE, THE GOVERNMENT-ORIENTED TABLOID "HOY" EDITORIALIZED ON JUNE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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23 THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS HAVE "UNDERCUT" (DESVIRTUADO) CHILE'S CONTENTION THAT THE SEA OUTLET PROBLEM IS A MATTER TO BE RESOLVED EXCLUSIVELY BY BOLIVIA, PERU, AND CHILE. ACCORDING TO "HOY," THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY ALL LATIN AMERICA, "WHICH REGARDS CHILE'S INTRANSIGENCE WITH CONCERN."

6. COMMENT. THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS HAVE BREATHED LIFE INTO BOLIVIA'S SEA OUTLET HOPES AND, IN BOLIVIAN EYES, PUT THE UNITED STATES SQUARELY ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS. IN THE MONTHS AHEAD WE MAY EXPECT BOLIVIA TO STEP UP ITS ATTEMPTS TO SHIFT THE ISSUE OUT OF ITS TRI-NATIONAL POCKET AND INTO THE OAS AND/OR THE UN. WE MAY ALSO EXPECT IT TO CONTINUE TO INVOKE THE "SPIRIT OF PANAMA," AND TO TURN INCREASINGLY TO THE US FOR PARTISAN SUPPORT.
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